

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated 01/18/2008, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-4, 21-22, 24-27, 51 and 57 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosenberg et al. (U.S. Patent number 5,76,727). The Examiner also rejected Claims 5-20, 28-50, 52-56 as being dependant on rejected claims. The Examiner notes, however, that these claims would be allowable if rewritten to include certain limitations.

The Examiner and attorney for Applicant had a telephone interview on April 14, 2008. Applicant is amending the claims in accordance with that conversation. The Examiner stated that no interview summary was needed.

Finally, Applicant has made some minor changes to the claims to make the claims more understandable. These changes do not change the meaning of the original claims.

Claims 1-4, 21-22, 24-27, 51 and 57

In order to clarify that the invention can move each rotational joint to a programmed location, Applicant changed the word "correspond" in Claim 1 to "move". This provides visual feedback. This is distinct from Rosenberg, which only provides force feedback.

In some situations, it may not be necessary to adjust all joints in order to place the surface and stylus at the desired location. Thus, Applicant clarified that each rotational joint *if required* may be moved to a programmed location.

Claims 2-4, 21-22, 24-27, 51 and 57 either depend from Claim 1 or depend from claims that depend from Claim 1. Because of the amendment to Claim 1, Applicant believes these claims should be allowable.

Claims 5-20, 28-50, 52-56

The Examiner indicated that because Claims 5-20, 28-50, 52-56 depend from Claim 1, these Claims would be allowable if Claim 1 is allowable. Because of the amendment to Claim 1, Applicant believes these claims should be allowable.

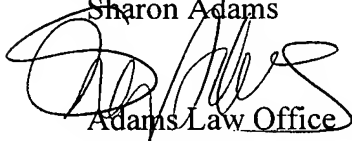
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Conclusion

Applicant believes that the Application is now in condition for allowance, and requests that a Notice of Allowance issue.

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